

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: **CORDTS et al.**  
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**LETTER RE: PRIORITY**

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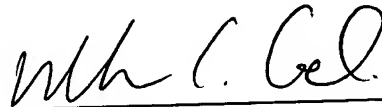
Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority of German Application Serial No. 102 32 286.4, filed  
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Respectfully submitted,

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